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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1908-09

MODERATOR

A. M. WILKINS

SELECTMEN

LOUIS E. CLARK PERCY M. ODELL

ERNEST K. PEASLEE

TOWN TREASURER

E. K. BURTT

TAX COLLECTOR

HENRY F. MAXWELL

TOWN CLERK

W. W. SLOAN

HIGHWAY AGENT

JOHN H. DODGE

AUDITORS

W. D. CLARK C. D. WILSON

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

F. W. BROWN WILLIAM GOODALE

E. P. FOWLE

BOARD OF HEALTH

F. C. TAYLOR L. F. WYMAN

E. S. ROBINSON

CHIEF OF POLICE

F. O. STEVENS

SURVEYERS OF WOOD, BARK AND LUMBER

ERANK HARTSHORN, FRANK EMERSON

ROBERT T. KNIGHT

FIREWARDS

W. W. SLOAN, F. O. STEVENS, C. F. WELLS

INVENTORY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST IN 1908

No. polls, 272	$27,200 00
horses, 355	28,963 00
oxen, 16	988 00
mules, 1	60 00
cows, 799	22,022 00
neat stock, 165	2,532 00
sheep, 4	32 00
hogs, 24	190 00
fowls, 1,785	893 00
Carriages	4,900 00
Stock in banks and other corporations	5,200 00
Money on hand, at interest, or on deposit	13,790 00
Value of stock in trade	49,620 00
Aqueducts and mills	2,400 00
Real estate	513,548 00
Total valuation	$672,338 00
Exemption of soldiers	11,016 00
	$661,322 00

Warrant For Annual Meeting.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house in said Amherst on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for repairing highways and bridges.

4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for school purposes.

5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance of town poor.

6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial day.

7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the public library.

8. To raise such sums of money as may be required to pay the tuition of scholars attending school out of town.

9. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for text books and supplies for schools.

10. To see what action the town will take in regard to raising $50 for repair of tow n clock.

11. To see what action the town will take in regard to raising money for the purchase of new hose for Lawrence Engine Co.

12. To see what action if any the town will take in regard to celebrating the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the town, which comes in 1910.

13. To hear the reports of all town officers, agents and committees, and pass any vote relating thereto.

14. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal the twenty-second day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and nine.

LOUIS E. CLARK,
PERCY M. ODELL,
ERNEST H. PEASLEE,
Selectmen of Amherst.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

TOWN OFFICERS

Louis E. Clark, 1st selectman	$130 00
Percy M. Odell, 2nd selectman	120 00
Ernest H. Peaslee, 3rd "	115 00
Louis E. Clark, overseer of Poor	10 00
Percy M. Odell, " "	5 00
Ernest H. Peaslee, " "	5 00
Henry F. Maxwell, bal. for salary tax collector due for 1907	60 00
Henry F. Maxwell, one half salary for collecting taxes 1908	60 00
C. D. Wilson, auditor	4 00
W. D. Clark, "	4 00
L. F. Wyman, board of health	7 97
F. C. Taylor. " "	7 20
E. K. Burtt, treasurer	68 00
E. K. Burtt, sexton	59 50
W. L. Cross, "	4 00
Frederick Brown, supervisor	10 00
W. W. Goodale, " old bill	5 00
E. E. Randall "	5 00
W. D. Clark, "	5 00
W. W. Goodale, "	10 00
A. M. Wilkins, moderator	10 00
W. W. Sloan, town clerk	60 00
W. W. Sloan, chief fire ward	10 00
F. O Stevens, fireward	10 00
C. F. Wells, " old bill	10 00
C. F. Wells, "	10 00
F. O. Stevens, chief of police	45 00
E. K. Burtt, ballot inspector	5 00
John H Dodge, " "	5 00
B. F. McNamee, " "	5 00
J. B. Pettengill, " "	5 00

D. H. Broome, police	2 00	
Benjamin Monson, police, old bill	10 50	
" " police	2 30	
L. F. Wyman, services of board of health, old bill	6 50	
		$890 97

TOWN LIBRARY

Fannie L. Clark	$200 00	
Parker fund	34 95	
		$234 95

TOWN HOUSE

W. W. Sloan, care of town hall and supplies	$55 58	
L. Fuller, wood	4 75	
Milford Electric Co., lighting	38 25	
Haseltine & Caldwell, 2 cords wood	10 00	
Uncollected rent $25.00		
		$108 58

SCHOOLS

E. K. Burtt, town appropriation	$4,610 00	
" " literary fund	134 82	
" " Nutt "	186 11	
" " received from dog licenses	221 40	
" " superintendent	150 00	
" " tuition	24 67	
" " treasurer school board	26 00	
A. M. Wilkins, services as school board	15 00	
W. W. Sloan, clerk of school district	4 00	
W. W. Sloan, school board, repairs etc.	40 00	
Mrs. S. E. Dodge, school board, stationery and stamps	30 00	
		$5,442 00

TOWN POOR

Mrs. A. T. Rideout	$120 00	
Mrs. A. C. Pearsons	120 00	
Mrs. E. W. Peacock	105 50	
Aid to Austin Merrill	130 00	
Frederick Chandler, medical attendance Mr. Peacock	7 00	
Town receives $60 per year from Mrs. E. W. Peacock towards defraying her expenses		
		$482 50

SOLDIERS' AID

R. H. Prince, wood for O. P. Smith	$10 75	
Frederick Chandler, medical attendance for O. P. Smith	28 50	
		$39 25

COUNTY POOR

W. D. Clark goods for Mary Buckley	$78 00	
Susie Kinsman, board of Mary Gardner	78 00	
W. D. Clark, goods for Arthur O'Brien	19 09	
Mrs. Richard Elliot, care of Mrs. Arthur O'Brien	5 00	
E. K. Burtt, burial of Charles Smith	20 00	
		$200 09

WATER BILLS

H. H. Belden, rent for hydrant	$ 6 00
D. H. Rhoads	3 00
J. A. Hanson	2 00
Mrs. E. W. Nichols	28 00
F. C. Taylor	6 00
P. M. Odell	3 00
Amherst Aqueduct Co.	28 00
G. P. Bennett	3 00

E. H. Peaslee	3 00	
H. T. Harvell	2 00	
Harry Boutelle	3 00	
C. P. Wheeler	3 00	
Frank Hartshorn	3 00	
A. M. Philbrick	3 00	
		$96 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

C. W. Dodge, labor	$ 2 85	
" " care reservoirs	4 10	
Knight and Thomas, porcelain stoppers	1 20	
W. F. French, supplies	2 95	
Milford Electric Co., lights for engine house	2 87	
L. F. Wyman, pay for members of fire department	200 00	
H. H. Barber, supplies for engine house	5 40	
Mary F. Sullivan, cleaning engine house	3 00	
F. O. Stevens, services at Feb 6, 1908 fire	3 00	
B. A. Bills, " "	3 75	
Charles O'Neil " "	2 00	
A. C. Greeley " "	5 25	
Forest West " "	3 75	
M. Gill " "	75	
G. A. Martin " "	3 00	
Mark Bennett " "	3 75	
Edward Weeks " "	4 25	
John Pesterfield " "	2 00	
F. T. Boutelle " "	3 75	
Charles O'Neil, putting wood in engine house	50	
Lemeul Fuller, wood for engine house	3 38	
R. H. Prince, " " "	2 25	
Gust Peterson, repairs for engine house	5 90	
W. D. Clark, supplies " " "	4 27	
F. C. Taylor, dipper " " "	25	
H. H. Parkhurst, repairing Yankee engine	9 55	
W. W. Sloan, care engine house, engine and hose	17 10	
		$300 82

STREET LIGHTING

Milford Electric Co.	$555 00	
		$555 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

John H. Dodge	$952 61	
		$952 61

PERMANENT HIGHWAY

Amount unexpended in 1906	$ 73 87	
" " 1907	624 00	
" required by law, 1908	621 00	
		$1,318 87
Amount expended by J. H. Dodge 1908		1,128 03
Balance unexpended		190 84

SNOW BILLS

John H. Dodge	$61 08

POLICE COURT

A. M. Wilkins	$25 00

BROWN TAIL MOTHS

Munson & Whittaker Co., removing nests	$227 51

COUNTY TAX

Arthur S. Healy	$838 20

STATE TAX

Solan A. Carter	$1,340

ABATEMENT OF TAXES, 1907

Henry F. Maxwell for		R. S. Boutelle	$2 00	
"	"	Allen Carpenter	2 00	
"	"	G. R. Hassell	2 00	
"	"	McLaughlin	2 00	
"	"	S. E. Staples	4 00	
"	"	W. S. Weston	2 00	
"	"	Alfred Elliott	3 20	
"	"	Patrick Hennessey	2 00	
"	"	H. F. Noble	2 00	
"	"	Delphis Dennis	2 00	
"	"	Walter D. Wright	2 00	
"	"	Harry Adams	2 00	
"	"	J. S. Parkhurst	2 00	
"	"	A. S. Blood	40	
"	"	Edward Finerty	4 20	
"	"	Fred Holbrook	7 00	
"	"	C. A. Jackson	8 00	
H. F. Maxwell for		W. L. Sloan, taxed twice	2 00	
"	"	H. B. Kenwick, taxed twice	10 00	
"	"	Ida M. Morse, taxed twice	6 00	
				$66 80

ABATEMENT OF TAXES, 1908.

Henry F. Maxwell for		N. C. Cady	$3 00	
"	"	" A. S. Carpenter	1 50	
"	"	" C. A. Jackson	1 50	
"	"	" A. F. Rideout Est.	5 10	
"	"	" C. E. Weston	1 50	
"	"	" W. S. Weston	1 50	
"	"	" W. D. Wright	1 50	
"	"	" Max Myer	1 50	
"	"	" Edward Finerty	3 15	
"	"	" Peter Parker	90	
"	"	" Fred Holbrook	1 47	
"	"	" Mrs. John Johnson	1 62	
"	"	" Noyes & Caldwell	5 25	
"	"	" Clarence Frost	1 50	
"	"	" Walter Buckley	2 10	
				$33 09

MEMORIAL DAY

D. A. Peabody	$50 00

CEMETERY

R. T. Knight and B. Bills, labor	$12 25	
R. Atkinson, work on Campbell lot,	7 28	
" " " " " "	75	
" " cleaning slabs, Fletcher lot	7 00	
R. Atkinson, cleaning curbing, Converse lot	6 00	
R. Atkinson, cleahing Foster monument	1 50	
R. Atkinson, cleaning slabs and 2 foot stones Upham lot	2 00	
R. Atkinson, freestone base, Eaton lot,	6 00	
R. Atkinson, cleaning slabs, Boutelle lot	2 00	
O. H. Carlton, setting granite marker, Foster lot	1 00	
I. H. Carlton, soapstone walk, Eaton lot	3 50	
I. H. Carlton, setting headstone, Moor lot	1 25	
I. H. Carlton, foundation Howard tablet	20 00	
A. C. Decatur, painting and stock	2 85	
" Decatur, painting Dodge lot	3 35	
R. Atkinson, cleaning Nutt slabs	4 00	
E. K. Burtt, labor in cemetery, Nutt fund	4 00	
E. K. Burtt, labor in cemetery lots, 1908	65 50	
		$150 23

INVESTMENT OF TRUST FUNDS

Deposited in Amoskeag Savings bank in accordance with motion passed March, 1908	$1,000 00

MISCELLANEOUS

W. D. Clark, postage, town reports	5 24
W. B. Rotch, town reports	58 00
C. E. Knight, legal advice, 1907	10 00
Edson C. Eastman, book, etc.	3 47
E. K. Burtt, glass and labor on hearse	16 00
E. H. Taft, returning birth and deaths	1 75
John Pesterfield, McGinnes fire	3 00
W. B. Rotch, printing inventory notice	75
A. Mason, returning marriages	1 50
Emma L. Clark, copying	12 00
A. J. Livingston, mowing common twice	6 00
A. J. Livingston, mowing common, old bill	3 00
W. B. Rotch, insurance, clock	20 00
" " " town hall	50 00
W. W. Sloan, brush fires	25 29
W. D. Clark, writing Livingston deed	1 00
L. F. Wyman, brush fire	30 74
E. J. Copp, papers for Ellen Melendy	1 50
H. H. Barber, blankets for police station	3 56
Edson C. Eastman, town order book	80
J. B. Pettengill, examining H. Monroe	5 00
" " " Ellen Melendy	3 00
H. M. Parker, labor on watering tub	3 00
H. S. Hutchinson, H. Monroe case	10 00
John H. Dodge, hauling men to fire	6 00
Edson C. Eastman, order book and postage	81
Lemeul Fuller, attending examination Ellen Melendy	2 00
G. B. French, legal advice, 1906 and 1907	7 00
E. H. Taft, returning births and deaths	3 00
Fred D. Cross, registering deed	64
F. C. Taylor, attending examination Ellen Melendy	2 00
W. F. French, supplies for board of health	2 35

F. O. Stevens, feeding 111 tramps	29 97	
B. A. Bills, Baboosic fire	5 62	
Guy Bills, work at 4 brush fires	5 49	
E. K. Burtt, expense to Manchester and Nashua	3 00	
A. C. Greely, Ponemah brush fire	1 00	
H. J. West, " " "	2 50	
R. H. Prince, work at brush fire	4 25	
H. T. Harvell, mowing cemetery	2 00	
W. L. Cross, " "	2 00	
J. B. Pettengill, returning births and deaths	2 50	
F. C. Taylor, labor on stone trough	3 75	
L. E. Clark, telephone, postage and expense to Concord	3 00	
C. F. Wells, work at brush fire	1 12	
Edward Weeks," " " "	1 24	
W. W. Sloan, 6 returns of births	1 50	
" " care town clock	15 00	
" " return of marriages, births and deaths	10 50	
W. W. Sloan, teams to brush fires	7 00	
" " dog notices	1 03	
" " writing deed	1 00	
" " coupe for Mrs. Peacock	1 00	
" " team to county farm with Mr. Murphy	5 00	
W. W. Sloan, cash paid county sealer	2 31	
" " team to Manchester with weights and measures	5 00	
Kittredge & Prescott, legal advise	5 00	
W. B. Rotch, insuring engine house and contents	21 00	
F. C. Taylor, gasolene and work	8 35	
R. T. Knight and B. Bills, labor, new cemetery	21 00	
E. K. Burtt, labor in cemetery	34 85	
		$505 38

LOUIS E. CLARK,
PERCY M. O'DELL,
ERNEST H. PEASLEE.
Selectmen of Amherst, N. H.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

W. D. CLARK,
C. D. WILSON.
Auditors.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

Dr.

Balance in hands of treasurer Feb. 17, 1908	$2,530 23	
W. D. Clark, error in bill	3 12	
Insurance tax	3 75	
Railroad tax	449 94	
Savings bank tax	1,404 82	
Literary fund	134 82	
School fund	150 00	
High school tuition	24 67	
Hillsboro county	239 34	
Police court	8 00	
Licenses on dogs	180 00	
Rent of hall	41 00	
Cemetery lots	18 00	
Interest on Mary P. Nutt school fund	186 11	
Interest on Parker fund	40 80	
Sale of street light	75	
L. E. Clark for Mrs. E. W. Peacock	60 00	
Oscar Shaffer cemetery fund	100 00	
Mary Carlton Est. cemetery fund	100 00	
Sarah A. Osgood Est. cemetery fund	200 00	
Abigail Towne Est. cemetery fund	150 00	
L. E. Clark, junk licenses	15 00	
Taxes for 1907	1,369 98	
Interest on taxes, 1907	46 09	
Taxes for 1908	8,898 45	
Interest on taxes, 1908	13 62	
		$16,368 49

Cr.

Paid 303 selectmen's orders	$14,728 09	
Cash in treasury	1,640 40	
		$16,368 49

RECAPITULATION

Whole amount received	$16,368 49	
Paid on orders	14,728 09	
		$1,640 40
Uncollected tax for 1908		1,317 06
		$2,957 46
Cemetery fund and interest in treasury	$3,681 71	
Balance against the town		724 25
		$3,681 71

Respectfully Submitted,

E. K. BURTT, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

W. D. CLARK,
C. D. WILSON.
Auditors.

CEMETERY FUNDS IN TREASURY

		Int. due	Expended	Balance in Treasury
Lucy W. Blunt	$100	$ 9 39	$ 2 00	$ 7 39
Charles H. Nutt	300	44 10	12 50	31 60
Charles H. Campbell	400	43 26	21 28	21 98
Henry Howard	200	37 46	22 00	15 46
Sarah F. Upham	200	18 81	14 00	4 81
Laura E. Belden	200	35 41	12 50	22 91
Isaac B. Dodge	100	15 81	2 00	13 81
Mary W. Richardson	150	11 52	3 00	8 52
Bartholomew Dodge	100	11 21	4 85	6 36
Roxanna H. Cutter	100	14 81	2 00	12 81
Harriet F. Clark	100	11 75	2 00	9 75
M. Frances Moor	100	8 77	3 25	5 52
Henry C. Dodge	400	55 13	4 00	55 13
George Boutelle	100	6 69	5 00	1 69
John H. Clark		16 14		16 14
Mrs. James U. Prince		7 14	2 00	5 14
Lucy F. Boylston		29 76	2 50	27 26
Hannah C. Foster		7 79	4 50	3 29
Kate R. Hamilton	75	7 86	1 00	6 86
Mrs. James P. Nourse	50	5 32	1 00	4 32
Mrs. Charles McAfee		6 16	2 50	3 66
Chester Shipley		8 29	2 50	5 79
John A. Ober	50	3 37	1 00	2 37
Henry Merrill	100	8 85	7 00	1 85
Henry W. Secomb	50	3 05	1 00	2 05
Wilson D. Forsaith		6 71	3 00	3 71
Oscar Shaffer	100	3 26	2 00	1 26
Mary Carlton	100	2 42	2 00	42
Sarah A. Osgood	200	3 98	2 00	1 98
Abigail Towne	150	2 87		2 87

CEMETERY FUNDS

Parker fund in Amoskeag bank		$1,000 00	
	Dr.		
To interest from bank			40 80
	Cr.		
A. C. Decatur, painting fence		2 85	
E. K. Burtt, labor on lot		3 00	
F. L. Clark, treasurer of library trustees		34 95	
			$40 80

W. D. Forsaith	fund in Amoskeag bank	200 00	
Chester Shipley	" " " "	100 00	
Mrs. Chas. McAfee	" " " "	100 00	
Hannah C. Foster	" " " "	100 00	
Lucy F. Boylston	" " " "	300 00	
Mrs. James U. Prince	" " " "	100 00	
John H. Clark	" " " "	100 00	
			$1,000 00

MARY P. NUTT SCHOOL FUND

In savings banks		$5,000 00
	Dr.	
To interest from banks		186 11
	Cr.	
By cash paid treasurer school board		186 11

E. K. BURTT, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT.

J. H. Dodge, Road Agent,

In Account with Town of Amherst

Dr.

For highways, received of Town Treasurer, per order of Selectmen	$952 61	
Old lumber sold	1 50	
Loan of pump	4 50	
		$958 61

Cr.

Fred Adams	$1 32
C. H. Wetherbee	5 00
Voscoe Plummer	2 10
Charles O'Neil	68 96
Peter Savard	24 11
H. M. Hayward	4 65
A. L. Martin	1 15
L. H. Pease	8 66
H. Boutell	5 00
E. Week	1 75
John Stifon	20 22
Albert Pincot	7 00
James Broderick	3 00
John Fletcher	12 86
John Pesterfield	80
James Caldwell	9 20
Guy Bills	58 36
H. Noble	107 43
Joseph Vetallet	28 58
William Kennealy	19 31
Pat Molloy	19 31
Frank Vetallet	3 50
Charles Bills	16 00
E. H. Peaslee	3 35

L. E. Weston	2 10	
John Parkhurst	5 64	
Ed West	4 38	
Team	275 85	
Charles Monson	79 36	
J. H. Dodge	146 76	
Lemuel Fuller	3 20	
Charles Pherson	5 00	
George Hanson	4 70	
		$958 61

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DODGE.

We certify that we have examined the above accounts and find them correctly cast with proper vouches.

C. D. WILSON,
W. D. CLARK,
Auditors.

SNOW ACCOUNT

Amount received of Town Treasurer, as per order of Selectmen		$61 08
Charles O'Neil	$1 75	
C. L. Smith	4 60	
L. H. Pease	2 00	
Henry Cochran	9 60	
John H. Dodge	19 50	
F. W. Holbrook	4 00	
P. M. Odell	3 30	
Charles J. Upham	98	
W. L. Cross	6 00	
J. H. Harvell	7 10	
Frank Boutelle	2 25	
		$61 08

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DODGE.

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C. D. WILSON,
W. D. CLARK,
Auditors.

FOR PERMANENT HIGHWAY

Dr.

Received of Town Treasurer, per order of Selectmen		$1,128 03

Cr.

H. Noble	$81 48	
Guy Bills	60 87	
William Kinnealy	5 25	
Charles Bills	156 00	
Charles Monson	84 50	
Charles O'Neil	66 50	
Joseph Vetallet	3 50	
Pat Molloy	63 00	
Fred Boutelle	21 98	
E. P. West	78 27	
John Stifon	45 50	
H. Boutelle	55 52	
H. J. West	46 89	
E. F. Bills	6 50	
D. L. Geddes	14 00	
Ames Plow Co.	3 75	
Frank Hartshorn	15 18	
W. D. Clark	21 61	
J. H. Dodge	96 60	
Team	201 13	
	———	$1,128 03

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DODGE.

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C. D. WILSON,
W. D. CLARK,
Auditors.

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS.

TRUSTEES OF THE SPALDING SCHOOL FUND

The investments are as follows:

City of Nashua bonds	$5,000 00	
" Concord water bonds	3,000 00	
Peterboro Railroad stock	1,500 00	
Amoskeag Savings bank	500 00	
		$10,000 00

Dr.

Dividend Peterboro Railroad stock	$60 00	
" Nashua city bonds	200 00	
" Concord water bonds	105 00	
" Amoskeag Savings bank	25 12	
		$390 12

Cr.

Paid E. K. Burtt	$390 12

FRANK HARTSHORN,
WILLIAM PRATT,
J. APPLETON SKINNER,
Trustees.

TRUSTEES OF AARON LAWRENCE SCHOOL FUND

Dr.

Balance Feb. 15, 1908	$1,542 32	
April 1 interest	54 63	
		$1,596 95

Cr.

Deposited in City Guaranty Savings bank, Nashua, N. H.	$1,542 32	
Paid school board February, 1909	54 63	
		$1,596 95

Leaving a balance in our hands of $1,542 32.

GEORGE E. FARLEY,
J. B. PETTENGILL,
Trustees.

REPORT OF POLICE COURT.

There have been three cases before the court the past year, all of a criminal nature. One was sent to the industrial school, one paid fine and costs, and one is under orders of the court.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DR.

To fine and costs		$9 74

CR.

By cash paid for fees	$1 74	
" " Town Treasurer	8 00	
		$9 74

AARON M. WILKINS, *Justice.*
WILLIAM D. CLARK, *Special Justice.*

We certify that we have examined the above accounts and find them correctly cast with proper vouchers.

C. D. WILSON,
W. D. CLARK,
Auditors.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR.

TAX OF 1907

DR.

To amount of uncollected taxes at last report	$1,369 98

CR.

By amount paid Town Treasurer	$1,369 98

INTEREST ACCOUNT

1907

DR.

To amount collected	$46 09

CR.

By paid Town Treasurer	$46 09

TAX OF 1908

DR.

Amount of taxes for collection as assessed	$9,968 09	
Amount of extra taxes for collection	159 00	
Expense gathering brown tail moth nests	88 42	
Total for collection		$10,215 51

CR.

By amount paid Town Treasurer	$8,898 45	
By amount uncollected and in hands of Collector	1,317 06	
		$10,215 51

INTEREST ACCOUNT

1908

Dr.

To amount collected	$13 62

Cr.

By amount paid Treasurer	$13 62

Respectfully submitted,
H. F. MAXWELL, *Collector.*

We certify that we have examined the above accounts and find them correctly cast with proper vouchers.

C. D. WILSON,
W. D. CLARK,
Auditors.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

OFFICERS

President	Rev. Charles Ernest White
Secretary and treasurer	Mrs. Fanny L. Clark
Librarian	Mrs. Alice M. Wyman

TRUSTEES

Mrs. Elizabeth W. Nichols,	term expiring	March		1909
Dr. John B. Clark,	"	"	"	1909
Miss L. R. Fletcher,	"	"	"	1910
Aaron M. Wilkins,	"	"	"	1910
Mrs. Fanny L. Clark,	"	"	"	1911
Rev. Charles Ernest White,	"	"	"	1911

IN GENERAL

This has been a good year in the Library work, with patronage exceeding previous years, with many gifts of value, and the cordial interest of many non-residents of the town.

An average of about seventy-five books and thirty magazines a week circulated among the patrons of the Library has been maintained. A gratifying feature regarding the books has been that as high as ten per cent. of those taken out have been other than fiction. It is not high enough, but it is far from discouraging.

Through careful management it has been possible to purchase more books this year than previously. It has been the particular aim of the trustees in purchasing to build up the juvenile section of the Library. We must keep the children interested, if we hope to have adult readers in days to come. To that

end, one third of the total purchases have been of juvenile books.

There follows a statistical summary for the year:

Number of books issued	3,722
" " magazines	1,458
Total circulation	5,180
Cards issued	255
Families represented	85
Number of volumes purchased	96
" " " donated	55
" " " bound	19
Total additions	170
Total volumes, Feb. 15, 1909	4,708

THE PARKER FUND

This yielded for the Library a decreased amount over the previous year, but it was possible to make thirty purchases with it, and the titles of the volumes follow:

Bardsley, English surnames.
Butterfield, Chapters in rural progress.
Drummond, The habitant.
Grayson, Adventures in contentment.
Hubbard, A woman's way through unknown Labrador
Humphrey, Over against Green Peak.
Job, The sport of bird study.
Long, Brier patch philosophy
Fowls of the air.
School of the woods
Martin, In a new century.
Palmer, Life of Alice Freeman Palmer.
Serviss, Astronomy with the naked eye.
Shelley, Untrodden English ways.
Van Dyke, The house of Rimmon.
Walton, Why worry?
Bazin, The coming harvest.
Brown, Rose Macleod
Cable, Kincaid's battery
Churchill, Mr. Crewe's career.
Fox, The trail of the lonesome pine.
Grahame, The wind in the willows.

Hewlett, The half-way house.
Johnston, Lewis Rand
Miller, The city of delight.
Mitchell, Red city.
Nesbit, The enchanted castle
Palmer, The big fellow.
Reed, Flower of the dusk
Smith, Peter.

DONATIONS

In contrast with last year, this has been an exceedingly fortunate year in gifts. Fifty-five volumes have been received from the following donors:

Norwin S. Bean, 1
Mrs. Anna K. Carruth, 1
Citizens' Committee, Salt Lake City, 1
Miss Anne Means, 6
Prof. George L. Raymond, 3
Miss Grace Secomb, 25 Harper's Magazines
Mrs. Frank A. Smith, 7
Mr. James W. Towne, 10
Prof. Warren Upham, 1

A framed portrait of Horace Greeley was presented by George A. Worcester of Milford.

MAGAZINES

As last year the list of magazines available for those desiring to draw them from the Library was eighteen. As in former years George H. Campbell presented McClure's Magazine, and William B. Rotch the Milford Cabinet for the year.

The usual yearly volumes of magazines were bound, and these are indicated by an asterisk. The list of magazines for the coming year is as follows:

The Bookman
The Century Magazine *
The Granite Monthly *
Harper's Magazine *
The Ladies' Home Journal
Little Folks (American edition) *
The Munsey

McClure's Magazine *
New England Magazine *
Popular Science Monthly
The Review of Reviews *
Scribner's Magazine *
St. Nicholas *
Talks and Tales
The World's Work
The Youth's Companion

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

New Hampshire Annual Reports, 1907, 2 vols.
" " School Report, 1905-6
" " State Papers, Vol. 31
12 pamphlets from the United States Department of Agriculture
The Twentieth Annual Report of the Interstate Commerce Commission
Report of the Smithsonian Institution, 1905
Lake Mohonk Conference, Indians, etc., 1907
" " International Arbitration, 1907
United States Geological Survey, The southern Appalachian forests, 1905

BEQUESTS

It is with pleasure that we announce the bequest of $50.00 from the late Mrs. Sarah A. Osgood, out of which it is purposed to purchase only such books as shall be of permanent worth. It is to be hoped that others may follow this example, and leave something in their wills, which shall make further efficiency in the Library possible.

BULLETINS OF NEW BOOKS

The list containing the additions for the year ending Feb. 15, 1909, may be procured gratis at the Library.

There follows the report of the treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

THE TRUSTEES,
by the president.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY.

Balance	$ 30 38	
Appropriation	200 00	
Parker fund	34 43	
Mrs. Osgood's bequest	50 00	
For McClure's	1 50	
Parker fund, Feb. 1909	34 95	
Fines	2 73	
	———	$353 99
Librarian	$50 00	
Janitor	15 00	
Cleaning	3 00	
Books	105 88	
Light	12 30	
Printing	3 50	
Binding	16 32	
Labor	3 10	
Magazines	33 00	
Cards	3 35	
Die stamp, etc	4 50	
Bookstack	24 45	
Incidentals, express, etc.	4 27	
Parker fund on hand	34 95	
Balance for binding magazines	40 37	
	———	$353 99

FANNIE L. CLARK, *Treasurer.*

We certify that we have examined the above accounts and find them correctly cast with proper vouchers.

C. D. WILSON,
W. D. CLARK,
Auditors.

AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Of the three towns in my district Amherst offers by far the most difficult problem to solve. I found the School Board with some very important work to be done. They had a certain sum of money entrusted to them to spend to the best advantage of the town. They had a degenerate high school either to dispose of or to build up. They had to secure teachers at very low salaries in order to run the schools as long was as expected of them, and many other problems equally as difficult.

I shall speak of some of these problems because they are directly connected with successful work in the school room. The change at the village, dropping out the tenth and eleventh year seems to have been a wise one. But I believe the fact is the school had practically closed itself. Considering the condition of the school it was a burden to the town. It did not have state approval even for the two years course. Thus students might go elsewhere and Amherst would have to pay their tuition besides supporting the school at home for a very few.

State approval might have been regained after a year or so of good work. To do this at least two good teachers, both college graduates, would have been required. These would cost about $1200. Add to this the expense of providing and maintaining building and we have the mimimum cost of a "minimum high school." If there were no high schools within reach of our pupils such an expense should be met by all means.

The cost of tuition in other high schools will be about $700, one-fifth of which the state returns to the town. For every dollar the tax rate is increased the state will reimburse the town 10 per cent. of the high school tuition. From these figures it is a simple problem to determine if it is cheaper to close our high school. This change has already

enabled our Board to lengthen the school year three weeks.

As to the opinion of those pupils who are now attending high school elsewhere 12 were asked to sign a paper stating whether they were satisfied or not with the closing of our home school. Eleven wrote that they were satisfied, and some expressed very great satisfaction.

We may be thankful that there is an authority in the state to decide if a high school is "kept" or is worthy of approval. Let us hope that some such authority may soon be applied to all schools.

It is sad to see a school closed that has served the town for so many years, but conditions change, and this is not the only move Amherst has seen because of the changing conditions.

EIGHT GRADES

Most of our pupils above the ninth grade go to Milford High school. Milford is now up with the state program and next year will have only eight grades below the high school, and will raise the entering age to six years. It is very important that we carefully consider this change. If our pupils are not given every possible advantage they will not be prepared for the high school at the close of the eighth year. We do not want the disgrace of standing idly by and allowing a school a mile away to gain a year on us. We can not afford to do that. A year is of no small consequence and should be gained if possible. We do not usually realize the importance of a year in the grades, but when a boy has about completed his high school course, and wishes to go to work we then see how valuable one year is.

Financially we are losing by providing for the pupils nine years if the work can be done in eight, as is the case in more than 90 per cent. of the schools of the country. We will now have an opportunity to gain that one year. Can we do it? In order to do so our school year must be as long as possible and should be 36 weeks. The teachers must have all the books they need. They should have as few grades in each room as possible. Pupils must be forced to attend absolutely every day, as the teachers must not be expected to spend time with truants.

As to the entering age, many prefer that their children should not start to school until they are six years old. Some start their children at five, but only half believing in the

advisibility of their going to school at that age send them in pleasant weather only. Such children are a burden to the town. They must repeat the first year, and so the town must pay for two years schooling to advance the children one grade. You will notice by the table showing the number in each grade that nearly one-fifth of the pupils are in the first grade and that 35 per cent. are in the first two grades. The town does not get as much return for its money educating children at 5 as at 8. It is perfectly right for a child to be sent to school at five or to kinderten at three but if the town must save money this is a good place to save it. It is just as important in a mixed school that the teachers time should not be taken with pupils that should not be sent to school.

HIGH SCHOOL

I have been asked if we could arrange to have part of the high school course, or enough to retain the name at least. Now that our neighboring town has changed to an eight grade basis we could offer the ninth year at our village school which would be the first year of the high school at Milford.

DRAWING AND MUSIC

Every pupil in grades III to IX has been supplied with the New Education Music reader and work has begun in music. Some teachers have had singing in their schools, but this is the first time that all have been supplied with books and the work taken up by all teachers. Although but little has been done so far that little is very important. Pupils who could not sing the scale have now learned to sing simple songs by note.

All schools are now doing some work in drawing. Pupils in grades IV to IX have been supplied with pencils and water colors. An outline has been furnished the teachers, and drawing with a few instructions have been provided for the teachers meetings.

Every school now has four lessons a month, and the teachers are trying to give uniform lessons throughout the three towns.

This is the most difficult subject for our teachers. A special teacher should be sent to the schools, which we may hope for when the schools are consolidated.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

The past year $400 was the sum appropriated for books and supplies. This amount has been spent. I think this sum should be increased this year as the town is poorly supplied with suitable reading material. It does not pay to lessen expenses by not providing enough books. The teachers have difficulties enough to encounter in trying to keep our schools up to grade and should not be forced to abandon a subject because of lack of books as has happened. The sum appropriated would be sufficient if we were already well supplied but there are many books needed now. An increase of 50 cents per pupil would gradually increase our stock and thus advance our schools.

SCHOOL ROOM DECORATIONS

Those who have visited our village schools no doubt have noticed the barren appearance of the walls. The rooms are so large that this lack of school room decoration is very apparent . The decoration of these rooms would be a very suitable work for some of the ladies of the village. Perhaps some society can become interested.

SIGHT AND HEARING TESTS.

It is remarkable how many children and grown people too, have defective sight yet do not know it. We become so accustomed to seeing objects as we do that we believe others can see no better than we. Some students whose eyes were tested, who thought they could see as well as anyone, could not read letters at a distance of ten feet that others could at thirty feet.

During the fall term the teachers tested the sight and hearing of every pupil. This was not an examination of the eyes but simply a sight test. I wish to call attention to the record of these tests which parents will find on the report cards. These test have called the attention of the teachers to certain pupils who should be seated near the blackboard or front of the room. I hope they have interested the parents. Many pupils fail of promotion because of imperfect vision. It is difficult for parents to decide to send a child to an oculist, perhaps because of a belief quite common that most oculists are swindlers or charge exorbitant prices. Even though they may be it is better than sending children to school handicapped by defective vision.

NO. OF PUPILS IN EACH GRADE FEB. 15.

School	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Total
Village Grammar					9	2	0	9	0	20
" Primary	10	7	6	3						26
No. 2	6	5	2	4		7				24
No. 3	1	3	2		2	6	4			18
No. 4	2	1	2		3		2			10
No. 5		1		1	1	2				5
No. 6		1		2	1	1	1			6
No. 7	6	3			7	1	3			20
No. 8	2	3	1	0	0	5	2		3	16
No. 9	3		1	2	1	2	2			11
Total	30	24	14	12	24	26	14	9	3	156

The above table shows the number in each grade Feb. 15. Some may find it worthy of study. Beginning at the top of the list: The village Grammar school has nine pupils in grade VIII which we hope to prepare to enter high school next September; with three entering from the fourth grade we will have 14 in that room next year which will be a very small school. Of course, many changes may take place but we see what the prospect is at present.

Above the 6th grade pupils from the Acre go to Milford schools. According to this table we may expect 7 more to pay tuition for next year. As there are almost that many there now our tuition bill for that one school will be almost the same as the teacher's salary. The Acre school is an especially difficult one to advance, that is, to keep up to grade. It is gratifying that there is no fifth grade now or no sixth grade for next year. Considering that there is so much to be done in this school it should be reduced to four grades. Many of the pupils who go from the sixth grade of this school have to repeat a year in the Milford schools. In such cases Amherst is really paying for another year at Milford although we do not realize the fact. I believe that with all the disadvantages the first four grades could be kept up to program in this school. Then if the pupils go to another school no time has been lost. But as this would make our total tuition bill quite large perhaps the whole school could be taken to the village at about the same expense.

The three schools, No's. 4, 5, and 6 have become quite small. The prospect is that No. 6 will have only three pu-

pils this spring term. Here at least are schools that should be closed quite soon, this spring if possible.

In No. 8 we find our only ninth grade pupils, who will graduate this June leaving 13 enrolled. The records show six non-resident pupils in this school.

The total enrollment in No. 9 the past term was 19; but 11 are now members of the school. Some pupils came only a short time. As this school is so far from the village it is not so likely to be closed. For this reason the building should be kept in good repair and we should raise the salary commonly paid teachers for this school.

SUPERVISION.

I can see where my predecessor has done much for the town in attempting to have the same work done in a year in each grade throughout the town. Of course he could not entirely succeed in doing this in one or two years, but that has prepared the way for me, with the help of the teachers, to outline the work by months.

To follow these outlines has been a struggle for our teachers, as these are the outlines used in Milford and Wilton where conditions are much better for schools than in our town. Last year our school year was a month shorter than in the other town. When schools are following the same outlines almost week by week the loss of a month is sorely felt. No more serious than any time but more noticeable. Our teachers can not make up this lost month, but they are still trying hard to bring the schools up with the neighboring schools, and this year they will have a better chance with the school year lengthened three weeks.

In the old district schools that most of us attended but few subjects were taught not often more than three for each grade. Now each pupil must recite in twice as many subjects. If every grade is represented the teacher must have thirty or more recitations a day. The teacher of a single grade has only six or eight recitations a day. No further comparison is needed to show how our teachers must struggle to keep their classes up with our neighboring schools. Yet that is what we hope can be done.

Why not return to the old style school? I shall not take time to defend the present system. I shall simply state that I think it is the correct one, and besides, if we do not attempt

to follow the state program our pupils would lose two or three years if they should move to another town.

Our School Board cannot afford to hire Normal graduates or experienced teachers for our rural schools. It is more difficult to accomplish as much with untrained as with trained teachers. They need more help, just as a farmer must give more attention to an inexperienced hand on the farm than to a man who understands agriculture and can furnish ideas on planting and pruning.

High salaries, or such as Amherst could possibly pay, would not retain teachers in our rural schools. The girls dislike to stay in the country. and would leave to accept positions in the villages or cities even if we offered to raise their salaries.

Not many towns are so well provided as Amherst with good central buildings. Now that the high school has been closed we have four excellent rooms besides a smaller class room. These rooms would accommodate all the pupils in town. It may not be possible to bring all schools to the village although every one should be brought except Chestnut Hill. We would then have a teacher for every two grades, and could have excellent schools. A drawing teacher could easily teach all classes in one day; a music teacher would need only half a day each week. The superintendent could spend a whole day at this one building and accomplish results. The schools could be furnished with better supplies, that is, we cannot afford some apparatus that would have to be duplicated for every school as they are now. And all this could be done at about the same price we now pay for poor schools.

If the schools are to be consolidated we should not depend upon the milkman to bring the children to the village, but should send suitable wagons along the main roads to meet the pupils at convenient places. I admit that it is hard for a child to ride three or four miles in the cold after waiting an hour or two for the milk team; but in a suitable wagon it is easier to ride three or four miles than to walk half as far.

Amherst has poor schools and always will have if they remain scattered as they are now.

I have not intended my remarks as adverse criticisms, nor to furnish material for those who wish to complain. I am greatly interested in the country schools. I wish every child, however poor, to be given a chance to get a good education and all forced to obtain at least a fair one.

I appeal to all citizens of Amherst to help make conditions such that no child shall lose a year because of poor schools.

JUDGMENT OF OUR SCHOOLS.

Do not judge the schools by idle report, or from stories told by pupils who complain because they do not pass. If parents wish to know if good work is being done in any grade in any school, they may write me the school, subjects, and grade. I will let them know when to expect me at that school. I will furnish an outline of the work we may expect to find and we will visit the school intelligently and examine the pupils to see if the work is being done. Of course we must investigate to see if the grade was up to standard last year. In many cases this was not true, because the school year was very short. I hope this offer will be accepted by many, not alone by those who wish to complain but by those who really wish to know if their own children are up with those in other thwns. The teacher who can keep her class up to grade with all the difficulties that have had to be overcome in our town is certainly worthy of praise.

Respectfully,

JOHN BACON,
Superintendent.

School	Teacher	Salary per week	Enrollment Boys	Girls	Total
Grammar	Eunice Fogg	11	11	12	23
Primary	Clara A. Godere	10	16	11	27
No. 2	Marietta Willoughby	8	16	12	28
No. 3	Mary Woodbury	8	9	10	19
No. 4	Velma V. Maxwell	7	6	5	11
No. 5	Cath. Willoughby	7	5	8	13
No. 6	Lillian Duval	7	3	3	6
No. 7	Julia E. Fernald	9	18	6	24
No. 8	Bertha Ramsay	7	6	9	15
No. 9	N. Alberta Taylor	7	12	7	19
	Total	$98	102	83	185

ATTENDANCE

The whole number of scholars found enrolled upon the school registers during the year, between the ages of five and sixteen years, is 190. Above sixteen, 3.

The following table gives a summary of attendance as appears in the school registers:

SPRING TERM

Schools.	Whole No.	Boys.	Girls.	Av. Att.	Weeks.
High	6	3	3	5	13
Grammar	21	13	8	19	12
Primary	31	17	14	29	10 3 5
No. 2	29	16	13	24	10 3-5
3	21	10	11	17	10 3-5
4	14	8	6	12	11
5	15	7	8	12	10 3-5
6	7	4	3	6	10 1-5
7	18	10	8	16	10 3-5
8	17	7	10	14	10 3-5
9	13	8	6	11	10
	193	103	90	165	119 4-5

ROLL OF HONOR

Not Absent or Tardy the Spring or Fall Term.

Grammar School, Hazel Pettengill, Harry Wilson.

Primary School, Grace W. Stevens, May F. Stevens, Frances E. Clark, Helen M. Lorden, Robert Wilson, Willard C. Brown, Daniel Lorden.

No. 2, Alfonse Bergeron.

No. 3, Doris L. Weston, Richard W. Weston, Robert T. Weston.

No. 9, Alonzo Gagnon.

For One Term.

Grammar, Everett Byrd, Pearl Seabury, Edna Burtt.

Primary, Doris Bills, Lillian Person, Alma Monson, Herbert Belden, John V. Person, Earl Bills, Ralph Wilson, Leonard Gilson.

No. 2, Leo A. Taylor, Catherine Clarkin, Grace Elliott, Angelena Doucet, Antonet Bergeron, Arthur Bergeron, William Bergeron, Walter Doyle.

No. 3, Elizabeth Weston, Dorothy Goodale, Mary Lewis.

No. 4, Horace Boutelle, Joseph L. Trow.

No. 5, Grace Bartlett, Lester G. Bartlett, Ralph Nelson.

No. 7, George H. Odell, Leroy Odell, Charles H. Wetherbee, Kenneth Wetherbee, Harry Wetherbee, Mildred S. Wetherbee.

No 8, Grace Kathan, Ethel I. Hale, Elmer Hodgman, William H. Hodgman.

No. 9, Eva Gagnon, John Gildard, Arthur Jenkins, William Robinson.

A. M. WILKINS,
W. W. SLOAN,
S. E. DODGE,
Board of Education.

Report of Treasurer of School Board.

DR.

Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1908	$318 70	
Amount required by law	2,010 00	
Raised in school meeting	1,700 00	
Literary fund	134 82	
Superintendent's salary	150 00	
Tuition from state	24 67	
Spalding fund	390 12	
Merrimack tuition	4 25	
Eugene Byrd "	3 75	
Town of Mont Vernon	13 50	
" New Boston	42 79	
	———	$4,792 60

CR.

By cash paid teachers	$2,571 04	
" " care	221 25	
" " fuel	275 94	
" " miscellaneous	1,069 79	
" balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1909	654 58	
	———	$4,792 60

SPRING TERM

Dist. 1, E. L. Rand	$252 74	
1, Eunice Fogg	120 00	
1, Carrie R. Nourse	104 50	
2, Marietta Willoughby	88 00	
3, Mary E. Woodbury	88 00	
4, Velma Maxwell	66 00	
5, Catherine Willoughby	84 00	
6, Lillian Duval	66 00	
7, Julia E. Fernald	88 00	
8, Bertha Ramsey	77 00	
9, E. A. Pierce	72 80	
	———	$1,107 04

FALL TERM

Dist. 1, Eunice Fogg	$165 00	
1, Clara A. Goodere	150 00	
2, Marietta Willoughby	120 00	
3, Mary E. Woodbury	120 00	
4, Velma Maxwell	105 00	
5, Catherine Willoughby	105 00	
6, Lillian Duval	105 00	
7, Julia E. Fernald	120 00	
8, Bertha Ramsey	105 00	
9, N. Alberta Taylor	105 00	
		$1,200 00

WINTER TERM

Dist. 1, Eunice Fogg	$44 00	
1, Clara A. Goodere	40 00	
2, Marietta Willoughby	32 00	
4, Velma Maxwell	28 00	
5, Catherine Willoughby	28 00	
6, Lillian Duval	28 00	
7, Julia E. Fernald	36 00	
8, Bertha Ramsey	28 00	
		$264 00
		$2,571 04

CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES

Peter Clarkin	$2 75
Mrs. Davidson	2 60
R. E. Elliott	1 00
" "	3 00
E. J. Bartlett	2 40
Alonzo Gagnon	2 75
C. W. Dodge	11 50
Mrs. S. A. Caldwell	2 20
Mabel I. Powers	3 00
Elmer E. Hodgman	2 70
Peter Clarkin	3 75
Lillian Duval	2 75
May Gildard	1 00
Horace Boutelle	2 00

C. W. Dodge	69 50	
Mrs. Arthur Mason	1 00	
Elgin J. Bartlett	3 24	
Richard W. Weston	1 65	
May Gildard	2 65	
Master Gagnon	1 75	
W. W. Sloan	8 00	
Elmer E. Hodgman	3 55	
C. H. Wetherbee	4 75	
C. W. Dodge	59 44	
Elgin J. Bartlett	4 32	
Peter Clarkin	5 60	
Richard Weston	3 75	
Richard Elliott	1 25	
Charles Wetherbee	2 75	
Leon K. Boutelle	4 65	
	———	$221 25

FUEL

C. W. Jackson, cutting wood	$2 00	
J. H. Broderick, wood	2 00	
F. W. Noyes, wood	10 00	
Samuel J. Davidson, cutting wood	3 00	
Merrill Bros., wood	3 50	
Fred Parker, wood and labor	11 00	
F. C. Taylor, coal	132 82	
E. H. Peaslee, wood	9 62	
George E. Farley, wood	12 50	
Lemuel Fuller, wood	3 00	
J. H. Broderick, wood and labor	5 00	
F. W. Noyes, wood	18 00	
Merrill Bros., wood	15 00	
C. M. Barrett, wood	11 75	
Ralph Holbrook, wood	18 00	
C. L. Trow, wood	13 75	
Lemuel Fuller, wood	3 00	
W. W. Sloan, wood	2 00	
	———	$275 94

MISCELLANEOUS

R. M. Moore, pay of superintendent	$300 00	
Perry Mason & Co.	9 36	

Smiths	37 77	
City of Nashua, tuition	80 00	
W. D. Clark, auditor	2 00	
C. D. Wilson, "	2 00	
R. E. Lane, order books	3 60	
W. B. Rotch, insurance	78 00	
Christopher Lenz, carrying pupils	80 00	
" " " "	25 00	
" " " "	80 00	
W. B. Rotch, petitions	1 75	
Clerk of court, entry order and copies	3 20	
Milford Cabinet, petitions	2 00	
Milford school district, tuition	69 00	
" " " "	33 00	
" " " "	233 00	
Amherst Aqueduct Co., water	6 00	
George S. Wheeler, repairing organ and tuning piano	4 50	
George Hanson, tires for wagon	4 00	
W. W. Sloan, labor, expense and livery	9 75	
S. E. Dodge, ribbon for diplomas	50	
C. H. Drown, express and postage	5 36	
		$1,069 79

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Appropriation for text books and supplies $400 00

Cr.

Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	$8 41
E. E. Babb & Co.	4 07
American Book Co.	84
D. C. Heath & Co.	71
Educational Publishing Co.	3 00
Atkinson Mentzer & Grover	13 42
C. H. Drown, express and postage	5 13
Thompson, Brown & Co.	1 92
E. E. Babb & Co.	11 47
Milton Bradley Co.	5 11
Silver, Burdett & Co.	4 32
Charles E. Merrill Co.	73
Little, Brown & Co.	4 47
Benjamin H. Sanborn & Co.	5 68
American Book Co.	1 53

Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	5 83	
J. L. Hammett Co.	6 80	
Charles E. Merrill Co.	2 70	
" " "	3 74	
J. P. Melzer	1 10	
W. E. Murphy, express	3 57	
E. E. Babb & Co.	142 81	
G. E. Langdell	35	
The Boston Regalia Co.	1 90	
Rand, McNally & Co.	3 85	
Ober Clothing Co.	1 33	
E. E. Babb & Co.	23 50	
" " "	7 90	
H. H. Barber	2 10	
Ginn & Co.	25 60	
Educational Publishing Co.	10 75	
Milford Cabinet	2 60	
Milton Bradley Co.	6 00	
Emory D. Heald	4 50	
E. E. Babb & Co.	39 12	
Milton Bradley Co.	3 15	
J. L. Hammett Co.	28 70	
A. S. Barnes & Co.	87	
Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1909	42	
		$400 00

REPAIRS & SUPPLIES

Appropriation for repairs and supplies	$500 00
Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1908	177 28
	$677 28

Cr.

A. E. Chickering	$2 00
T. J. Benson	2 00
H. J. Cochran	8 70
A. L Goodale	15 50
" "	19 00
John P. Fletcher	19 25
H. G. Upham	31 72
A. C. Decatur	3 45
F. J. Fowler	3 00
Emerson & Son	3 15
A. L. Martin	10 45

H. J. Cochran	3 50	
George F. Broome	3 08	
Frank Hartshorn	23 45	
W. F. French	2 71	
F. C. Taylor	47	
W. D. Clark	9 23	
A L. Martin	2 74	
Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1909	513 88	
		$677 28

MARY P. NUTT FUND

Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1908	$369 91	
Interest	186 11	
		$556 02

Cr.

George S. Wheeler, piano	$200 00	
J. L. Hammett Co., atlas	40 00	
Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1909	316 02	
		$556 02

L. LAWRENCE FUND

Received from Northern Railroad		$36 00

Cr.

Perry Mason & Co.	$1 75	
Smiths	11 37	
S. E. Dodge	1 25	
Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1909	21 63	
		$36 00

Respectfully submitted,
E. K. BURTT, *Treasurer*

We certify that we have examined the above accounts and find them correctly cast with proper vouchers.

C. D. WILSON,
W. D. CLARK,
Auditors.

VITAL STATISTICS

To The Selectmen:

In compliance with an act of the Legislature, enacted June session, 1887, requiring clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual report, I herewith submit the following:—

W. W. SLOAN, Town Clerk.

Births Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1908.

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition. Male.	Female.	Living or still-born.	No. of child, 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.	Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents.	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.
Jan. 19	All born in Amherst	Guy Herbert.....	M	....	L		All white.	Herbert Nelson.....	N. A. Pinkham	All white.	All reside in Amherst.	Teamster ...	....	.....
" 30		Clifford Warren ..	M	....	L	1		Herbert G. Upham...	Edith M. Bickford....			Painter.....	Nashua	Conway ....
Feb. 9		Carl Forest.....	M	....	L	2		Gustaf Peterson.....	Matilda Peterson			Wheelwrig't	Warnum, Swe..	Tverrea, Swe...
" 9		.....	....	F	S	1		Alfred L. Elliott	Lucy Landry.....			Laborer.....	Brookline.....	Penacook .... :.
" 25		... .	M	....	L	3		F. E. Sullivan.....	Mary A. Rossiter.....			Stone cutter.	Peabody, Mass.	Woburn, Mass..
" 29		.....	....	F	S	7		Newton C. Elliott.....	Delaphine Bergeron.			Laborer.....	Mason	Canada.....
Mch. 1		Hazel C	....	F	L	7		Thomas Gannicelle...	Annie Decemi			Stone cutter.	Ponterololpo, It.	Deliciete, It.....
" 14		Jennie Pearl.....	....	F	L	2		Archibald Mason.....	Grace Pearl.....			Clergyman..	Tancook, N S..	Tancook, N. S..
April 6		.....	M	....	L	2		Otis W. Joslyn.....	Cora F. Wheeler.....			Mechanic ...	Lyndeboro.....	Amherst ... .
" 8		Joseph Theodore.	M	....	L	4		John A. Labonta.....	Amanda Lambert ...			Laborer.....	Waterlow, P.Q..	St Elen, P. Q....
" 23		....	M	....	S	6		Arthur O'Brien.....	Jennie McInnis.....			"	Lyndeboro.....	Nova Scotia.....
May 4		Howard Bennett..	M	....	L	2		Wm. B. Crooker.....	Alice M. Philbrick ...			Farmer	Amherst	Boston, Mass....
July 20		Ruel D	M	....	L	6		Ruel D. Manning.....	Nellie M. Terrian			Mechanic...	Hartford, Conn.	Northbridge, Ms
Aug. 6		Daniel Brewster..	M	...	L	7		Chas. H Wetherbee.	Kittie A. Keyes.....			Farmer	North Haverhill	Bath .....
Sept 17		Albina Matilda....	....	F	L	4		Napoleon Abbott.....	Julia L. Currier.....			"	Candia	Shastbrook, Can
Oct. 14		Malcolm Allen....	M	....	L	4		Edwin A. Hodge.....	Lura M. Leach			Teamster . .	Cookshire, P. Q.	New Boston.....
" 28		Iola May.....	....	F	L	1		Frank E. Bills..... ...	Bertha I. Butterfield..			Section hand	Amherst	Tyngsboro Mass
Nov. 5		... ...	M	....	L	8		George L. Goodale....	Flora B. Pitlsbury....			Carpenter...	Deering	Springfield.....
" 28		Beatriee Bethel...	....	F	L	3		Chas. D. Wilson	Sarah E Atkinson....			Retired	"	Bridesburg, Pa.
Dec. 20		Allgot Thomas....	M	....	L	2		Benjamin Munson....	Maria Anderson			Teamster ...	Hokantrop, Swe	Olofuess, Fin...

Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1908.

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age.	Color.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation.	Marriage.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Sept 10	Manchester	Eric Bergguist.....	New Britain, Conn.	28	White	Machinist.. ..	Sweden	C. J. Bergguist	Sweden	Farmer	1	John A. E. Euert, clergyman, Manchester
								Maria Larson.....	"	....		
		Ida Charlota Kumlin	Amherst ...	26		.....	Sweden	John Kumlin	"	Teacher.....	1	
								Augusta Berg... ...	"	.....		

Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1908.

Date of death.	Name and surname of deceased.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of birth.	Sex and condition. Sex.	Color.	Single, married, or widowed.	Occupation.	Place of birth. Father.	Mother.	Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
Jan. 20	Mary P. Carlton	86	..	..	Henniker	F	All white.	W		Billerica, Mass.	Danvers, Mass.	Abel Hill	Mary Proctor
Feb. 9	Elliott	..	..	..	Amherst	F		S		Brookline	Penacook	Alfred L. Elliott	Lucy Landry
" 29	"	..	..	..	"	F		S		Mason	Canada	Newton C. Elliott	Delaphine Bergeron
Mar. 2	Lucy B. Clark	67	8	5	Greenland	F		S		Hancock	Templeton Mass	Samuel W Clark	Rebecca E. Howe
" 15	Charlotte C. West	55	7	15	Bedford	F		M		Bedford	Bedford	Wm. Cady	Hannah Butler
May 8	Hazel C. Gannicelle	..	2	6	Amherst	F		S		Italy	Italy	Thos. Gannicelle	Annie Duciene
" 28	Cornelius Brennan	70	..	..	Co Kerry, Ire.	M		M		Co Kerry, Ire.	Co Kerry, Ire.	Cornelius Brennan	Mary Dewere
June 8	Benjamin F. Merrill	88	2	3	Tyngsboro, Ms	M		W					
" 9	Andrew S. Jackson	72	..	..	Camden, Me.	M		M		Dover	Dover	John P. Jackson	
" 27	John Fletcher	77	8	18	Amherst	M		S		Chelmsford, Ms.	Dunstable, Mass	Daniel Fletcher	Charlotte Roby
July 2	Benjamin F Marsh	63	5	27	Concord	M		M				Benjamin F. Marsh	Dollie Stevens
Sept. 16	Mary Abbott	73	..	1		F		W		Hollis	Hollis	Timothy U. Patch	Mary Proctor
Nov. 25	Hannah P. Wheeler	75	7	3	Bow	F		W		Bow	Freemont	Richard R. Silver	Betsey Sanborn
" 28	Frances J. Fields	69	3	4	Swanzey	F		M			Charlestown, Ms	Madison Martin	Julia Gould
Dec. 19	Rachel Colston	87	10	28	Bath Me	F		W		Bath, Me	Bath, Me	Thomas Thornton	Caroline Powers
" 22	Irene Foster	83	..	7	Alexandria	F		S				Joseph Foster	Lydia Pattee
" 30	Lydia P. Foster	81	..	19	"	F		S				"	" "

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W W. SLOAN, Town Clerk.